

March 12, 2013

LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES

ROBERT E. AUFULDISH, PRESIDENT
JUDY MORAN, COMMISSIONER
DANIEL P. TROY, COMMISSIONER
AMY ELSZASZ, CLERK

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NEWS MEDIA

(Tape 2013-0312)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Aufuldish called the meeting to order at 10:05 am, Tuesday, March 12, 2013.

ROLL CALL: Upon the roll being called all were present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: None

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Commissioner Aufuldish asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Board. No one present addressed the Board.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR GLYCO II LIFT STATION REHAB 324S PROFESSIONAL SERVICES-CONSULTANTS AND TRANSFERRING CASH FROM LCDU SEWER DISTRICT-TRANSFERS OUT (20130312\U01) (UT-2)

On a motion of Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Troy, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Aufuldish, Moran and Troy "NAYS": None

2. RESOLUTION AWARDED BID CONTRACTS TO OSBORNE CONCRETE & STONE COMPANY AND ARMS TRUCKING COMPANY FOR LIMESTONE/SAND FOR THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES (20130312\U02) (UT-4)

On a motion of Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Troy, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Aufuldish, Moran and Troy "NAYS": None

3. RESOLUTION HIRING THOMAS KING TO THE POSITION OF MAINTENANCE I IN THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES, EFFECTIVE MARCH 25, 2013 (20130312\U03) (UT-3)

Commissioner Troy: This is new hire to fill a vacancy.

On a motion of Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Troy, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Aufuldish, Moran and Troy "NAYS": None

4. RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE RETIREMENT RESIGNATION OF SYLVIA LINDROSE FROM HER POSITION OF ACCOUNT CLERK IV WITH THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES, EFFECTIVE MARCH 22, 2013 (20130312\U04) (UT-3)

Commissioner Aufuldish: Sylvia, 34 years!

Sylvia Lindrose: I feel very blessed. We have the best department. I am happy that I was able to have a good job and work with wonderful people.

Commissioner Moran: Congratulations.

Commissioner Aufuldish: Congratulations, thank you very much.

Commissioner Troy: On behalf of all of the citizens of the county and customers we appreciate your work as an account clerk.

On a motion of Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Troy, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Aufuldish, Moran and Troy "NAYS": None

5. RESOLUTION CERTIFYING UNPAID SEWER AND WATER SUMS TO THE LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR (20130312\U05) (UT-7)

On a motion of Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Troy, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Aufuldish, Moran and Troy "NAYS": None

6. RESOLUTION APPOINTING MAGGIE A. LILLIS TO THE POSITION OF SUPPORT OFFICER 1 IN THE CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT DIVISION OF THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES, EFFECTIVE MARCH 25, 2013 (20130312\JFS01) (JFS-4)

Commissioner Troy: This will also fill a vacancy in that division.

On a motion of Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Troy, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Aufuldish, Moran and Troy "NAYS": None

7. RESOLUTION APPOINTING BONNIE K. MERRILL TO THE POSITION OF INCOME MAINTENANCE WORKER 3 IN THE INCOME MAINTENANCE DIVISION OF THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES, EFFECTIVE MARCH 25, 2013 (20130312\JFS02) (JFS-4)

Commissioner Troy: Again, this is filling a vacancy in this division.

On a motion of Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Troy, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Aufuldish, Moran and Troy "NAYS": None

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8. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AMENDMENT (#AG1100171) TO THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND CUYAHOGA COUNTY FOR THE FY10 STATE HOMELAND SECURITY - LAW ENFORCEMENT GRANT PROGRAM, EFFECTIVE THROUGH MAY 31, 2013 (20130312\C01) (CT-10a)

Commissioner Aufuldish: We have a letter from Sheriff Dunlap indicating that this contract is being extended from February 28th to May 31st allowing sufficient time to use this grant in an appropriate manner.

On a motion of Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Troy, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: “AYES”: Commissioners: Aufuldish, Moran and Troy “NAYS”: None

9. RESOLUTION RENEWING AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A FIVE YEAR (5) SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND SIEMENS INDUSTRY, INC. FOR VARIOUS LAKE COUNTY BUILDINGS AND OFFICES, EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2013 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2018 (20130312\C02) (700)

Commissioner Troy: I believe this is a new five year contract with Siemens for our HVAC systems. The amount will be substantially less than the existing contract that ends on March 31, 2013. We had been paying \$74,000, and this contract has been renegotiated at \$47,650, and will increase by 2% each year. We will be saving approximately \$25,000 per year. Our Buildings & Grounds Department has done due diligence, and this will basically contract for what is needed only. We are happy with this new contract.

Commissioner Aufuldish: I think that we need to thank Chuck Klco and Mark Iafelice for spending a lot of time with Siemens to come to the conclusion that some of the services that we were receiving really weren't necessary. And, as Commissioner Troy said, we will save \$125,000 over the term of this contract.

On a motion of Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Troy, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: “AYES”: Commissioners: Aufuldish, Moran and Troy “NAYS”: None

10. RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,308,641.35 (20130312\BC01) (C-4)

On a motion of Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Troy, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: “AYES”: Commissioners: Aufuldish, Moran and Troy “NAYS”: None

11. RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$862,990.08 (20130312\BC02) (C-17)

On a motion of Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Troy, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: “AYES”: Commissioners: Aufuldish, Moran and Troy “NAYS”: None

12. RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR VARIOUS NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20130312\BC03) (C-111)

On a motion of Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Troy, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: “AYES”: Commissioners: Aufuldish, Moran and Troy “NAYS”: None

13. RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING CASH AND APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20130312\BC04) (C-111)

On a motion of Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Troy, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: “AYES”: Commissioners: Aufuldish, Moran and Troy “NAYS”: None

14. RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING ANDREW F. FERRELL ON ATTAINING THE PRESTIGIOUS RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT AWARDED BY THE NATIONAL BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA (20130312\F01) (C-126)

On a motion of Commissioner Aufuldish, seconded by Commissioner Moran, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: “AYES”: Commissioners: Aufuldish, Moran and Troy “NAYS”: None

UTILITIES: Commissioner Troy briefly discussed that CCAO was successful in getting an amendment into the Transportation Budget Bill as it left the House to include the extraneous costs of waterline replacements and relocations into the total cost of O.D.O.T. infrastructure improvement projects. On the other hand, O.D.O.T. does not want this in the budget bill and is going to the Senate with hopes that this language will be taken out.

STORMWATER: None - No one was present.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES: Matt Battiato, Director: The job fair held last week for the Core Systems employees was very successful. It was so successful, and the demand was so high that there will be another job fair tomorrow. This job fair will be open to all of the public. There will be a significant amount of employers that are seeking employees.

Commissioner Aufuldish: Very good.

Commissioner Troy: We appreciate your efforts. I think that this better explains the title of your department. The idea is to step in wherever possible to put employers and out of work employees together. And, if retraining or upgrading of skills needs to take place that is where the Workforce Investment Act Office comes into play.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR: None

DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES: None

FINANCE: None

CLERK: None

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LEGAL: None

OLD BUSINESS: There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS: Commissioner Moran: I was at a meeting of the Health Advisory Board last night and to me they seem to be one of the unsung departments in the county. Some highlights in Lake County include: there is one overdose every 12 days in the 45 and up age range from accidental overdoses due to a change in pain medication, there is going to be more of an emphasis placed on drugs and drug disposal programs, which is currently launched across the county, and, there is going to be a very big emphasis on obesity related programs. It was a very interesting meeting, and it is very impressive how their department runs. - Brief discussion that the Health District is under budget at this time.

Commissioner Troy: We are fortunate that in Lake County we have a combined General Health District. By law, every municipal corporation is required to have a health district, and counties are required to have a general health district. A long time ago, Lake County was combined, so that each municipality didn't have to have their own health department. It would be a big cost to municipalities to equip their own health departments. Our combined general health district makes the most sense. Another benefit of having a combined general health district is there is no requirement by state law for the County Commissioners to provide space to a combined general health district.

Commissioner Moran: Lake County ranks number 13 in terms of overall health and overall health care across the state.

Commissioner Troy: We had discussion of the budget yesterday in Hanoverton, Columbiana County. The state budget is in the House, and a lot of groups are in opposition to the Governor's proposed expansion of the sales tax base correlated with a drop in the piggyback sales tax rates and state sales tax rates. Representative Rogers is a member of the tax subcommittee created by the House, Ways & Means Committee and that panel will be hearing all of the tax measures in the proposed budgets. If you have any concerns or expressions of support, Representative Rogers would be a good person to talk to on this matter. Last week, we did have the National Association of Counties Conference (NACo) in Washington D.C. The main emphasis was the concern about the sequester, which is an approximate 2.5% across the board budget cut that will take place over the next few months. But, there are certain areas of the budget that are exempted, so in some cases the cuts may be in the neighborhood of a 5%-10% range. The other topic that I was involved with was the discussion of municipal bonds, which was a very well attended meeting by the staffers of the members of the tax committees of both Houses. The President is in favor of capping municipal bonds. NACo, The National League of Cities, The National League of Towns and Townships, school groups, etc.... are all opposed to this change. The feeling is that it will increase the cost of infrastructure for facilities that governments have to provide in order to deliver the services of civilization, and it puts a lot of people to work. Congress needs to weigh the tax savings of the closure of the tax deductibility from municipal bonds against what the impact it would have overall on the economy.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: On a motion of Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Troy, the Board convened an Executive Session at 10:29 am to discuss real estate and pending litigation matters, with the vote as follows:

"AYES": Commissioners: Aufuldish, Moran and Troy "NAYS": None

The Lake County Board of Commissioners recessed Executive Session at 10:30 am.

The Lake County Board of Commissioners reconvened Executive Session at 10:35 am.

On a motion of Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Troy, the Board terminated the Executive Session at 11:27 am, with the vote as follows:

"AYES": Commissioners: Aufuldish, Moran and Troy "NAYS": None

ADJOURN: On a motion of Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Troy, the Board adjourned the meeting at 11:28 am, with the vote as follows:

"AYES": Commissioners: Aufuldish, Moran and Troy "NAYS": None

Minutes approved this 19th day of March, 2013.

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